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SUMMARY: DANES EXPECT SOME KICKBACK FROM SOVIETS AT CSCE BECAUSE OF THEIR CRITICISM OF USSR'S REPRESSIVE POLICIES. THREE OR FOUR EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO BE ADDED TO DANISH DELEGATION. SOVIETS EAGER TO BRING CSCE TO RAPID CONCLUSION BUT DANES BELIEVE PHASE TWO WILL LAST UNTIL APRIL. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM AND EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 14 HAD ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH AMB MELLBIN, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRINCIPAL DANISH SPOKESMAN AT CSCE FOR PHASE TWO. MELLBIN ANTICIPATED SOME EVIDENCE OF SOVIET DISPLEASURE AT CONFERENCE OVER DANISH GOVERNMENT PROTEST ON SOVIET
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2207). SOVIETS HAVE NOT APPROACHED DANES ON SUBJECT BUT EAST GERMANS, OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SOVIETS, HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT DISCUSSION AT CSCE OF INDIVIDUAL CASES (READ SOLZHENITSYN AND SAKHAROV) WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

2. EUROPEAN COMMISSION WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON DANISH CSCE DELEGATION, AS FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN IMPLIED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 11 (COPENHAGEN 2199). MELLBIN EXPECTS AT LEAST THREE AND PERHAPS FOUR EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO JOIN NINE DANISH OFFICIALS ON HIS DELEGATION. COMMISSION OFFICIALS WILL NOT TRY TO COVER ALL COMMITTEES, BUT WILL CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES.

3. MELLBIN BELIEVES PHASE TWO WILL LAST UNTIL APRIL 1974, ALTHOUGH NOT ALL COMMITTEES WILL BE IN SESSION ALL THE TIME. HE ALSO THINKS A SHORT SUMMIT MEETING LASTING ONLY THREE DAYS WILL BE MOST LIKELY CONCLUSION OF CSCE EXERCISE. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS EVIDENTLY WANT TO GET IT ALL OVER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH HE DOUBTS THAT MAJOR PROGRESS WILL BE MADE EARLIER THAN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. DANES ARE HOPEFUL THAT NONE OF NORTH AFRICAN STATES WILL ASK FOR HEARING AT CSCE PRIOR TO DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 18 AND THAT, THEREFORE, ISSUE OF EQUAL TIME FOR ISRAEL WILL NOT ARISE. SOVIETS, HE ADDED, OBVIOUSLY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE OUTSIDERS AS THAT WOULD PROLONG PHASE TWO. HE INDICATED CONFIDENCE THAT NO ONE WOULD AGREE TO HEAR MEDITERRANEAN REPS DURING BRIEF PHASE THREE PROCEEDINGS.
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